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A gift for Goodwill

Every year, from November through December, acts of kindness and charitable works seem to be an intrinsic part of the Holiday Season. This past year, an organization that works year round to help the people of the region partnered with Eastwood Mall to help even more citizens. Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries established a location in the mall where people were encouraged to drop off their gently worn clothing. Those who donated were thanked with gift cards for use at stores and restaurants throughout the mall complex. The result was startling. Goodwill collected 5,981 pounds of clothing, which are being refurbished and sold in Goodwill's thrift stores. Ultimately the revenues from those sales fund the organization's workforce development mission, providing vocational training for the unemployed and those with disabilities.

In recognition of the work Goodwill does, the Cafaro Foundation will present a donation to the organization on Friday, March 15, at 10 AM in the atrium of the Eastwood Office Centre, adjoining Eastwood Mall.

About Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries

Originally established in 1893 as the Christ Mission Settlement, Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries has maintained continuous service to the community for more than 100 years. Chartered as a 501(c)(3) agency, the organization currently provides and develops services to its clientele in three counties in Ohio and two in Pennsylvania.

Governed by a 24-member volunteer Board of Trustees, it is an autonomous member of a network including 200 North American members and more than 30 international associate members. Today, Goodwill serves the needs of men and women with disabilities and other barriers by providing employment in the community through comprehensive programs and service. For more information about Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries, visit its website, www.goodwillyoungstown.org.

About the Eastwood Mall Complex

The Eastwood Mall Complex is located at 5555 Youngstown-Warren Road, in Niles, Ohio. It is one of America's largest shopping complexes, with more than 200 department stores, specialty shops, restaurants, hotels and entertainment options. The Eastwood Mall Complex is owned and managed in association with Cafaro-affiliated companies, based in Niles, Ohio. For more information, visit online at: www.eastwoodmall.com and www.cafarocompany.com.

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